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AN EXTREMELY DARING EXPLOIT

Lieutenant Freemant Lands on the Cuban Coast—Dispatches to the Insurgent Chief.

TERLIFIC EXPLOSION OF POWDER

A Large California Plant Blown Up—Ten Employes Killed—Fire Follows.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 26.—The American fleet at Hong Kong is well supplied with fuel and ammunition, and is ready to start for the attack at Manila as soon as notice reaches them of the formal declaration of war. The fleet consists of the Baltimore, Yorktown, Raleigh, Olympia, Monterey and Boston, which makes one of the most formidable fleets in the Asiatic waters.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—All the naval officers on duty here today are talking of the daring exploit of Lieutenant John C. Freemont, son of the famous general, in making the landing from his little vessel, the torpedo-boat Porter, on the Cuban coast near Matanzas.

Confirming press dispatches telling of the exploit come to the department today from Captain Sampson, who cabled that the expedition was successful in every regard. The purpose of the expedition was to deliver dispatches to the emissary of the insurgent army.

It has not been definitely ascertained, but there are good reasons to believe that an officer of the United States army, who was on the Porter, is now proceeding to Gomez' camp with full plans to submit to the insurgent chief for co-operation between that and the American armies.

Terrible Explosion and Fire.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., April 26.—Reports were received at this place this evening of the killing of ten men in an explosion at the California Powder Works plant near here, this afternoon. Only white men were employed in the mill, and the force of the explosion destroyed five small buildings in the immediate vicinity which were used as storehouses for the smokeless powder manufactured.

This plant was established last summer and only recently begun operations. Some of the first output of the mill was sent east ten days ago. It consisted of an entire train of fifteen cars made up principally of brown prismatic powder for the navy.

The explosion was followed by a fire which spread to the surrounding buildings and timbered hill sides.

A force of 100 employes were immediately called out to fight the fire.

PUBLISHED AT HAVANA.

Some Spanish Sarcasm and Some News Printed in a Havana Paper.

KEY WEST, April 26.—The following is a translation of all important news printed in La Lucha, Havana, Monday, April 25th, under the head "False News."

"All rumors that have been recently circulated in regard to possible bombardment of this city are without foundation. We will advise our readers promptly when bombardment is likely

to occur. The enemy is in light blockade as follows: They are within range of our batteries; these monstrous battleships, these enormous Baby Whales which McKinley has sent us in order to inspire us to panic and deprive us of sustenance. They give us courage; their presence here fills us with enthusiasm and incites us to combat. If they have not done us violence it is only because the desired instant has not arrived; because they haven't placed themselves in a position to start the ball rolling.

"The blockade has been broken by steamship Availles coming from Caraco Sagua de Furino and Noevitas, and by steamship Cosmode Herrera coming from Sagua La Grande. These vessels arrived at this port without news and without having seen anything worth mentioning. On their voyages both ships knew of the blockade and came with all the precaution which the case demanded; hugging the coast like sticking plaster, preferring to run aground rather than be captured. It is worthy of notice that these vessels having much less speed than they should have, and which it is supposed that American warships have, broke the blockade which Americans undertook to establish.

"It is said that last night 500 American Negroes disembarked with Laeret Morlah at Bambouranoo. Cavalry and infantry were in hot pursuit.

"On Saturday afternoon coast steamship Availles entered port from Nusrith with seventeen passengers, giving the laugh to the blockade line established by the American squadron."

A REBELLION IS IMMINENT.

Spanish Towns in the Hands of Rioters at Frequent Intervals Daily.

New York, April 26.—Madrid and more than 20 of the largest towns in Spain are in the hands of the mob several hours every day, says the Madrid correspondent of the World. The government has permitted "patriotic" demonstrations as the best means of giving vent to popular excitement. All was well as long as they were expressions of animosity toward America ebullitions in anticipating of victory over a foreigner—always an object of hate and suspicion with the Spanish masses—but now the demonstrations are getting beyond control.

The government is anxious and the better classes are alarmed. The police notice already in the throngs many socialists, anarchists and republicans, who may quickly turn these demonstrations into anti-dynastic or anti-monarchical movements or at least upon the cabinet. Today news came of a serious reverse beyond the seas. All Spanish revolutions have begun in just such outbreaks. The noisy street demonstrations are particularly dangerous now, when all classes have been led to indulge in hopes of naval and military triumphs.

The revolutionary parties are very active. They are almost publicly threatening to take matters in their own hands if the government does not succeed in promptly overcoming the United States. Matters are critical politically and even worse financially. Both aspects of the situation are being employed by the Spanish diplomats and court to impress European courts and governments with the urgent necessity of action to save Spain from both the foreigner and herself.

Got Inside the Line.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 26.—The steamer Telesora, which was bound from Galveston to Manchester with a cargo of grain and cotton, was sighted and pursued at the highest speed by an American cruiser today. Although the Telesora carried every pound of steam her boilers would permit, the cruiser gained on her rapidly, but the Spaniards got inside the 3-mile limit before the cruiser got within range, and escaped. She is anchored here at present.

Captured the Panama.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 26.—All Key West is singing the praises of the little Mangrove and her crew, for to her belongs the glory of having made the richest capture of the war up to date. This morning the Mangrove took in the big steamer Panama, a Spanish cruiser, off the Cuban coast. The Panama is a steamer of 2800 tons and carried stores for the Spanish army.

Declined With Thanks.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The navy department has declined to accept the Forst Bismarck and the Columbia, tendered to the government as auxiliary cruisers, for the reason that the vessels are said to be unsuitable for service.

Its Full War Strength.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Orders were issued today to recruit the army to its full war strength of 61,000.

THE HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION

The Stars and Stripes, It Is Thought, Will Soon Waive Over Those Beautiful Islands.

THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT DOLE

His Subjects Endeavor to Have Him Declare a Neutrality—He Refuses for Good Reasons.

HONOLULU, April 19.—via. San Francisco, April 26.—The raising of the American flag on the Hawaiian islands did not take place Thursday, as expected, but it is believed that the stars and stripes will be hoisted as soon as the news of the declaration of war is received.

The statement is not denied by either the American minister or Admiral Miller, while on the other hand the latter said that his mission was to annex the island.

Considerable influence has been brought to bear on President Dole by his subjects, to the end that the islands be declared neutral, as many of the sugar-planters fear their plantations will be ruined by Spanish gunboats.

Dole and his advisers recognize the fact that such a course would be fatal to annexation and reciprocity treaties, and for that reason has refused to comply with the requests.

Many supporters of the government predict that the stars and stripes will be floating over the islands in a fortnight.

INJURED BY A SPANISH GUNBOAT

One of Our Torpedo-Boat Destroyers Slightly Disabled.

HAVANA, April 27.—The Spanish gunboat Ligera, it is announced here, encountered near Cardenas, not far from Matanzas, an American torpedo-boat destroyer, which opened fire on the Spanish warship. The gunboat, it is added, answered with eleven shots. It is claimed that the American vessel was damaged and retreated.

The Spanis steamer Montserrat, from Cadiz for Havana, has arrived safely, it is announced, at Cienfuegos. She had on board \$2,000,000 in silver and a good quantity of ammunition. It is announced that the insurgent brigadier-general, Maso, has been authorized to form a division of natives to fight with the United States troops. Spanish officials the well-known insurgent leader Juan del Gado and 67 followers have been killed near Cano.

The situation here today is one of expectation, and quiet, patriotic enthusiasm, combined with a desire on the part of the Spaniards for the opening of real hostilities.

The Spanish coasting steamer Cosme Herrera, which ran the blockade, it appears, is not the only vessel which has reached this port since the blockade was established.

The arrival of the steamer Aviles from Neuva Vistas is reported.

Dispatches from Matanzas say an American torpedo-boat destroyer has twice entered that port. The second time six shots were fired at her and she retired.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. Stroud, Popomoke City, Md. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

MATANZAS BOMBARDED

Sampson's Fleet Pour Projectiles Into the Fortifications.

KEY WEST, April 27.—Three ships of Captain Sampson's fleet are blockading the Cuban coast. The New York, Puritan and Cincinnati opened fire upon the fortifications at Matanzas this afternoon. Nothing definite is known as to the result of the attack upon the city, but it is believed the storm of projectiles into the fortifications for nearly twenty minutes must have caused great loss of life. On our ships no casualties have occurred.

The attack began shortly before 1 o'clock and the bombardment was over in less than twenty minutes after 1.

The Spaniards had been actively at work on the fortifications at Punta Gorda, and it was the knowledge of this fact that led Sampson to shell the place, his purpose being to prevent their completion.

A small battery on the eastern side of the bay opened fire on the New York, and the flagship quickly responded with her heavy guns. Probably twenty-five 8-inch shells were sent from the battery at our ships, but all of them fell short. A few blank shells were also fired from the incomplete battery. One or two of these whizzed over Sampson's flagship.

After completing their work the ships put out to open sea, the flagship returning to its post off Havana, while the Cincinnati and Puritan remained on guard off Matanzas.

MOVING ON THE SPANISH FLEET

The Object is the Capture of the Spanish Vessels Composing the Flotilla Now at Manila.

VIEW OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Their Ideas About the Condition of Affairs Between the Two Nations.

PORTLAND, April 28.—A dispatch from Hong Kong says: The American squadron sailed from Mies Bay this afternoon for Manila. Thirty leaders of the insurrection in the Philippines wanted to accompany the American fleet to Manila, but only a quietladed rebel chief was taken as their representative.

The primary object of the squadron is the capture of the Spanish fleet. Upon its arrival at Manila Commander Dewey will demand the capitulation of the city within thirty-eight minutes.

The governor at Manila has issued a proclamation saying that the squadron, without instruction or discipline, was coming to the archipelago with the ruffianly intention of robbing the country of all means of life, honor and liberty. He further says: "The aggressors shall not gratify their lustful passions at the cost of your wives and daughters. They shall not cover you with dishonor, because your valor and patriotism will suffice to punish this miserable people."

SPANIARDS READY TO ENTER FIGHT.

Cape Verde Fleet to Put to Sea Today—Battle Imminent Between Spanish-Philippine and American-Asiatic Squadrons.

LONDON, April 27.—There are indications today that the inactivity of the Spanish naval fleets in various parts of the world is about to be, if indeed it has not already been, changed into activity, and that of an order most pronounced. A dispatch from Madrid says that the Spanish fleet has been at sea some days, and news of the bombardment of American coast towns is expected at the Spanish capital before long. This, it seems, refers to the warships supposed to be

cruisers and carried without difficulty to Havana harbor, where it can be put into active service.

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MONITOR TERROR SECURES A PRIZE

The Spanish Coasting Steamer Ambrosio Bolivar With Sixty Thousand Dollars in Silver on Board Captured Off the Cuban Coast.

KEY WEST, April 27.—The monitor Terror made a capture off the Coast of Cardenas, Cuba, last night, which, while not as rich as that made by the little Mangrove yesterday, is still valuable enough to bring joy to the hearts of the officers and crew of the Terror.

The prize is the Spanish coasting steamer Ambrosio Bolivar. The cruise Detroit came into port this morning towing the Spaniard, which had been turned over to her by the Terror.

Upon being searched after arriving here the Ambrosio Bolivar was found to have on board \$60,000 in silver, which, of course, greatly increased the value of the capture. Particulars of the capture have not yet been given out.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Ed Dougherty Instantly Killed in Benson & Co.'s Logging Camp.

OAK POINT, Wn., April 28.—Edward Dougherty, employed in Benson & Co.'s logging camp at this place, was accidentally killed yesterday. Dougherty was alone at the time, and it is supposed his saw got stuck in a log which he was cutting and had propped up. He went under the log to extract the saw and the prop giving way, the log came down on his head, killing him instantly.

Dougherty was a single man about 27 years old and highly respected by all. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Foresters lodges of Astoria, and of the Maccabees lodge of Knappton, Wn.

ORGANIZING THE ARMY

Information Concerning the Organization of Volunteers.

PORTLAND, April 28.—A Washington special received last night says:

Information was given the senators who called at the White House this afternoon of the president's intention to organize the volunteer army into one hundred and four regiments, four brigades, eleven divisions, and three army corps. This will give the president an opportunity to appoint forty-eight general officers, besides their staff.

MAIL SERVICE SEVERED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Commencing today the American mail will no longer be sent to Spanish possessions in the Orient. Instructions from Washington have been received by the postal officials ordering all mail destined for the Philippine, Ladrones and Caroline islands to be returned to senders if possible. Otherwise it is to be sent to the dead letter office.

A large number of sacks of mail are now laying at the postoffice here which will be affected by these instructions. The reason for discontinuance of the dispatch of mail to these points is that of preventing important information reaching the enemy.

THE MCARTY-CRIFFO FIGHT

Fatal Knockout at Sacramento, California, April 27th.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 28.—McCarty, who was knocked out in the twentieth round by Griffo last night, died at the hospital here tonight. Officers have arrived from San Francisco to arrest Griffo and the rest of the gang on charges of murder, but they had disappeared.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.